

## PRIX D'AMERIQUE LEGEND RACE : IDAO DE TILLARD CROWNED CHAMPION 2024



The **Prix d'Amérique Legend Race**, the first Final of the **Amérique Races PMU**, was met with excitement and emotion Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at the Hippodrome Paris-Vincennes. *Idao de Tillard*, the favourite, became the 2024 Sulky World Champion, demonstrating a clear and spectacular victory after a superb battle.

Tension ran high at Paris-Vincennes on Sunday 28th January. The **Prix d'Amérique Legend Race**, the biggest Trotting race in the world, aroused suspense, pressure, enthusiasm and admiration. It was one extraordinary crack who was crowned champion. Sweden's **Hail Mary** led for most of the race, but the favourite **Idao de Tillard** followed close behind. Despite an uncomfortable run on the outside of the track, Thierry Duvaldestin's protégé was able to accelerate halfway down the final straight to clearly dominate his rivals. **Idao de Tillard** took the Sulky World Champion crown, leaving a magnificent lasting impression. **Hokkaido Jiel** finished second after a breathtaking sprint, ahead of Sweden's **Joviality**.

Clément Duvaldestin, *Idao de Tillard's* driver, won his first **Prix d'Amérique Legend Race** at just 25 years of age. Trainer Thierry Duvaldestin takes home his third world championship, following victories with **Ready Cash** in 2011 and 2012.



Speaking to the racing channel Equidia, the winning driver commented: "I had a fantastic time during the race, it was brilliant. I'm both delighted and speechless. **Idao de Tillard** is a great horse and I really appreciate how lucky I am to be partnered with him.

Thierry Duvaldestin added: "I was worried because **Idao de Tillard's** preparation was disturbed. I told Clément to just trust the horse. He kept his speed for the end, after an unfavourable race. I couldn't have wished for anything better than to see my son win in the sulky of my homebred. I can't believe it."

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